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**MOBILE ROCK AND GEM SOCIETY
MEETING AUGUST 14, 2007**

The monthly meeting of the Mobile Rock and Gem Society was held at the clubhouse on August 14, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Vice-president Glenn Wimpee called the meeting to order.

Larry Landry led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Our guests for this meeting were Daniel Wise, Rosemary Darnell, Bill Colclough and Helen Colclough.

Mary Lou Landry read the treasurer's report and it was accepted.

The minutes of last month's meeting were approved as published in the Cabber Gabber.

Larry Landry reported there is a trip to Chunky Gal Mountain on August 18. There will also be a field trip to Douglas Prospect in Dothan on September 15.

Bonita Harris reported that the Junior members met on the first Saturday in August and there will not be a meeting in September as the first Saturday is on Labor Day weekend.

The Mobile Rock and Gem Society will have an auction at the meeting on Sept. 11.

MEETING

DATE: September 11, 2007
TIME: 7:00PM
PLACE: Clubhouse @ 1324 Forest Dell Rd.

AUCTION



COMING UP...

September Meeting is Auction Night!

Pot Luck dinner starts at 6:00 PM (Bring your meal and share with fellow club members.) Short business meeting will follow the meal. Auction begins at 7:00 PM sharp! This should be a fast moving auction with closing between 8:30-9:00 PM. Auctioneers are Art Dodd and Jerry Shirey.

Members are requested to bring donations that are related to geology and the hobbies of the lapidary arts: rocks, gems, fossils, jewelry findings, gem display holders, informational books, rockhound tools, and anything else that you can think of that relates to our hobby. No "flea market" type of items at this auction, please.

Please remember that the auction proceeds help pay for our clubhouse utility bills. Every purchase goes back into the Mobile Rock and Gem Society! Bring a friend...

It will begin at 6:00 p. m. with a pot luck dinner and short meeting. Then we will hold the auction. At this auction we ask for only items associated with our hobby and plan to have the auction over by 8:30 or 9:00.

Neal Hazen is our chairman for our booth at the Gulf State Fair on October 19 through 28. He asks for help and hopes to have demonstrations of some of the things we do such as cabbing, wirewrapping etc. As many of our members know this is a good advertisement for our November show.

We discussed a need to update the application for membership for our club as the old ones still have the old address.

Jerry Shirey reported that Shawn Holland will be chairman for the raffle for the show and Jeannette Wimpee will print the tickets. Please, we need some good prizes for the raffle. Let Shawn or Jeannette know what you can give for it soon as we need to print what they are on the tickets.

Thanks go to Bill and Cindy Harbour for the cleanup this month.

John Hendrix, our stamp chairman reports that he sent of a group of stamps today. The federation uses the money they make from selling these stamps on the internet for giving scholarships to Wildacres and William Holland School for the lapidary arts. All who participate in sending stamps are eligible for winning a scholarship through our club.

Buddy Shotts had our program this month. He told us about faceting gemstones. Buddy also brought specimens of several faceted gemstones to show.

SHOW AND TELL: Ben Davis showed some sheen obsidian he collected.

Jim Darnell showed three opals he brought and gave to the club for our auction this month.

Daniel Wise displayed a calcite stalagmite, coral and petrified wood.

Neal Hazen showed a ring and a chain mail necklace he made.

Diane Tedder brought some willemite, calcite and franklinite she collected in New Jersey. She showed how the calcite and willemite fluoresce.

Don King displayed some polyhedroid agates from Brazil, chatoyant seraphint from Russia, rare Alabama cretaceous baculite on a nodule of a fossil matrix, Marra Mamba Tigereye from Australia, red jaspelite from Michigan and antique verde marble from Michigan.

Buddy Shotts told us and showed us several specimens of gemstones he had faceted.

Bill Harbour showed some stones he had faceted

Liz knight showed a stone Bill had faceted for her.

The split pot was won by Jeannette Wimpee. Door prizes were won by Ken Carpenter, Shawn Holland, Courtney Tedder, Reba Shotts, Doug Shaw, Daniel Wise, Liz knight, Mary Daves, Sterling Tedder, Imogene Shaw and John Hendrix

After show and tell we adjourned to enjoy refreshments brought by Liz Knight, Mary Daves, Eva Hendrix and Susan Ollhoft. The silent auction also ran for 15 minutes after adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Daves
Secretary

Remember to bring a door prize if you won one last month.



Please submit all information for the Cabber Grabber to the Editor BEFORE the 24th of every month. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MOBILE ROCK AND GEM SOCIETY AUGUST 2, 2007

The executive board of the Mobile Rock and Gem Society met at the clubhouse at 7:00 p. m. on August 2, 2007. Those attending the meeting were Phil Kaiser, Larry Landry, Mary Lou Landry, Bonita Harris, Ben Davis, Bill Harbour, Doug Show John Hendrix and Mary Daves. Neal Hazen was an invited guest.

President Phil Kaiser called the meeting to order. The minutes were accepted as published in the Cabber Gabbber.

Mary Lou Landry read the treasurer's report and after discussion it was approved.

Larry Landry reported on field trips.

Neal Hazen is chairman for our booth at the fair October 19 through 28. He reported and asked for help in setting up the booth.

We will have our auction at the September meeting and will start at 6:00 p.m. with a potluck meal and meeting followed by the auction. We will have only things related to our interest this time and will end at about 9:00.

We need more door prizes for our regular meetings.

The board approved a monetary gift in memory of long time member, Chester Redmond, to our scholarship fund at the University of South Alabama.

Bill Harbour received a box of rocks from Steve Ewens who helped him at the Dust Devil Mine, in Oregon. This box contains several different rock specimens and is for the use of the club

members. The board decided to send a small monetary gift to help defray the postage and cost of sending this to us.

There being no further business we adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Daves

Secretary

MOBILE ROCK AND GEM SOCIETY JUNIOR CLUB MEETING AUGUST 4, 2007

The Junior club met at the clubhouse on August 4, 2007 from 9:00 a. m. until noon. The juniors attending were Angie Monahan, Preston Eubanks and Nicholas Hall

Bonita Harris brought a group of unusual "rocks" for the juniors to decide what they were. Some were natural and some were manmade. This is part of our learning to identify minerals.

After this we had a short break for goodies.

When we had all had our goodies Mrs. Harris had Preston work on learning to identify many varieties of quartz, with a group of identified specimens that Dr. Dix gave to the club.

Angie and Nicholas worked on a map of Alabama and gluing specimens of minerals from Alabama in a box. The other members had done this before and this gave them a chance to make their own box.

We adjourned about noon.

Mary Daves

Attention Junior Rockhounds of MR&GS

NO meeting the first Saturday of September
★ this is Labor Day weekend. The Juniors
are encouraged to attend the adult auction
meeting.

Note: Juniors, you must use "real" money at this auction - no Junior Rockhound money. We will have our own auction at a later date.

Let's Go Fossilizing

By Dick Stober The voice of the MRGS Fossil Study Group

Here we are once again between fossil hunting trips. I hope that our Number Two daughter Karla, will stop bringing me fossils which she finds in her yard (sic.) She has made me promise not to do any heavy digging in her yard when we visit next time. I was sort of thinking of renting a Bobcat with a front end loader. Obviously, the Cincinnati area abounds with fossils. This year, 2007, we shall be visiting again. On our way home from attending the 50th reunion of my class graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Angela is a great planner and this will be a great time for sight seeing and visiting. We shall spend some time in New York where we shall be taking in some Broadway shows as "Mary Poppins". We shall also spend some time visiting with one of my old buddies out on Long Island where we graduated together from Baldwin High School so many years ago. After a good bit of visiting, we are planning to end up with our family in Cincinnati for Halloween. It has been a yearly ritual to spend Trick or Treat time with our grandchildren. After Halloween, my ole' buddy George (note- not "old") will meet us. While Angela is visiting the family, George and I will be doing some intense fossil hunting in the area. As the women folks won't be with us, I'll be free to do some careful climbing. Karla still remembers my Big Fall. I survived! The road cuts in Indiana are simply terrific. Several years ago George and I made a special trip to Delta, Utah (A one traffic light--two restaurant town) to dig for Trilobites. We have a good many flat specimens. The Trilobites up in Indiana are much fuller, but sort of small.

Earlier on our trip, we shall be staying with our friends in Toronto, Canada. Hey Don King!! We shall be traveling to the Thunder Bay area. We shall be visiting with more friends. Angela's friend Isabell said that she will take us to find some amethyst crystals. I just love the fresh, clean air of Canada. Who knows what we may find.



September Birthdays

Happy birthday to All our September Birthday Folks!!

Phil Kaiser, Virginia Hutcheson, Mary Lou Landry, Joe Gambill, & Manny D'Oliveira.

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10:00 CST, Saturday, September 15, 2007

Douglas Property, Dothan Alabama

FEE COLLECTING SITE - \$0.25 per lb.

COLLECTING: We will be collecting intercostal plains flint and chert. This material ranges in size from small chips to massive boulders. There is a wide variety of colors; brown, creams, yellows, red, and purples. Some of the smaller pieces are solid and jasper-like and will cab or tumble nicely. The larger boulders contain vugs with a drusy quartz covering sea shells. Some also have a thin layer of a purple chalcedony that may be cabbed if cut and polished with care.

FEE: There will be a 25 cent per lb fee for the material collected.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS: The site is on the Douglas property (fish ponds and farm land) near Dothan Alabama. The area covers several acres and there are no facilities.

BRING: Sledge hammers, rock hammers, and chisels will be needed to breakdown the larger pieces. A garden rake will be useful to search the hillside for the smaller pieces. Five gallon buckets are also a good idea. It will be hot., bring plenty of fluids, sunscreen, hats and food or snack items.

DIRECTIONS AND WHERE TO MEET: We will meet at the Kmart (Big K) parking lot at the intersection of Ros Clark Circle(US 84) and Hwy 431 North(also called Headland Hwy or Reeves St.) in Dothan AL.. We will leave at 10:00 CST for the 10 minute drive to the site.

When:10:00 CST, Saturday, September 15, 2007

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1. To encourage interest in rocks, minerals, fossils and related subjects.
2. To sponsor an educational program within the membership, to increase the knowledge of the members in the properties, identification and evaluation of rocks, minerals, fossils, and other related subjects.
3. To cooperate with other mineralogical and geological clubs and societies.
4. To arrange and conduct field trips to facilitate the collection of minerals.
5. To provide opportunity for the exchange and exhibition of specimens and other materials.

Classes Offered

Debbie Bryan teaches classes in wire wrap, silver art clay, Polymer Clay. Anyone interested can call Debbie at 973-2408 and arrange for a class. All classes are pay in advance.



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**NEW MEMBER??
GOT QUESTIONS??**

Contact Lindy Kaiser for your new member information list at 422-2206 or lkaiser8@netzero.net on the internet. This is something new we've started, so shared helpful suggestions are appreciated.

Don't Forget to bring your cancelled commemorative stamps so we can send them to the Southeast Federation for their fund raiser, and your name goes in a drawing for a scholarship to a SFMS Lapidary Workshop



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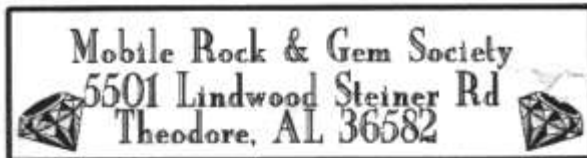
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Applicants Signature _____ Birth Month _____
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Meeting Date: 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7pm.



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